

**RICE SWCD BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 20, 2008
MINUTES**

Vice-Chair Huston called the meeting to order at 1:01 PM.

PRESENT: Wally Hildebrandt, Dick Huston, Robert Borchert, Gary Wagenbach, Tom Coffman, Steve Pahs, and Danielle Waldschmidt

ABSENT: Robert Duban

MINUTES: Motion by Robert Borchert, second by Wally Hildebrandt to accept the July 16, 2008 board minutes as printed. All aye – None opposed – Motion carried.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Discussion will be tabled until next month.

BILLS PAYABLE: Motion by Wally Hildebrandt, second by Robert Borchert to approve Bills Payable. All aye – None opposed – Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

RICE DITCH INSPECTION SERVICES STATUS: Steve Pahs reported on the work that has been completed on the ditch with Adam Arndt. They have been addressing small complaints. They have been working to address some issues on ditch 32. A portion of the ditch that was closed and filled is being enrolled in CREP. A neighboring property owner would like to see part of the ditch reopened.

RICE COUNTY FAIR – JULY 15 THROUGH 20 – COMMENTS: Steve Pahs stated that everything went smoothly at the fair. The raingarden presentations had limited attendance. Danielle Waldschmidt reported many fairgoers stopped by the Conservation Building with questions relative to the raingarden and permeable pavers. Dick Huston went to the raingarden presentations and thought the presentations went well.

APPROVE RC&D SMALL FEEDLOT FIX: Motion by Robert Borchert, second by Wally Hildebrandt to approve the following RC&D small feedlot fix:

RC&DF07-1 Cheryl & Don Olson 26856 Halstad Ave Morristown Diversion/Buffer - \$793.48

All aye – None opposed – Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

RICE SWCD SIGN REPLACEMENT – HWY 60 WEST – DICK HUSTON: Dick Huston would like to work with Le Sueur County to replace the sign along Hwy 60. He will get a quote and report back to the Board.

ADOPT-A-HWY – DATE: A date for the Adopt-a Hwy will be determined at the next meeting.

STATUS HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS: As of September 1, 2008 we will switch to a high deductible 1100-100 insurance plan.

PRE-TAXED H.S.A. AUTHORITY – PREMIUM ONLY PLAN – SIGN: Discussion on signing the H.S.A authority will be tabled until next month.

BWSR 2009 GRANT AGREEMENT – SIGN: Motion by Robert Borchert, second by Gary Wagenbach to sign the BWSR 2009 Grant Agreement establishing the cost share limit at 65%. All aye – None opposed – Motion carried.

SUB-RECIPIENT CONTRACT BETWEEN SE SWCD JPB and Rice SWCD: Motion by Robert Borchert, second by Wally Hildebrandt to amend work plan between SE SWCD JPB and Rice SWCD. All aye – None opposed – Motion carried. Mailed to Goodhue SWCD.

STATE COST-SHARE VOUCHERS: Motion by Wally Hildebrandt, second by Robert Borchert to approve the following State C-S voucher:

CS#081026 Robert Kluver 30251 Eveleth Ave.– Northfield- FINAL Partial Payment –Walcott 26 - \$637.00-1 W/W. Check #9478.

Steve Pahs is the designated Conservation District Technical Representative. No other funds are being applied to this 2008 FY practice, meeting the high priority definition does not apply to this practice, 65% is the approved cost-share amount and \$63.70 will be the approximate T&A amount. All aye – None opposed – Motion carried.

STATE COST-SHARE FEEDLOT – APPROVE EXTENSION: Motion by Wally Hildebrandt, second by Robert Borchert to approve Randy Bauer CS#F070236 6035 Kenyon Blvd Faribault CC Section 36 with an extension date of 6/30/08 be extended until 9/20/08. All aye – None opposed – Motion carried. Approval was received via email from Chris Hughes, MankatoBWSR.

WCA AUTHORITY RESOLUTION – SIGN for B.C.: Motion by Robert Borchert, second by Gary Wagenbach to sign the WCA Authority resolution giving Tim Labs the WCA authority. All aye – None opposed – Motion carried.

AREA 7 MASWCD FALL MEETING 09/11/08 AGENDA & TSA MAP: Robert Borchert, Wally Hildebrandt and Dick Huston are planning on attending the Area 7 meeting in Stewartville on September 11, 2008.

REVIEW/APPROVE DISTRICT CAPACITY AWARD: Revisions were made to the district capacity award. Motion by Gary Wagenbach, second by Robert Borchert to approve the district capacity award. All aye – None opposed – Motion carried.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT: Robert Borchert learned from the Leadership Institute that he thought he had spent his whole life as a leader, but really was a pusher. Getting supervisors more involved was part of the leadership training and he would like to be considered for Area 7 Director. Gary Wagenbach is working on spatial analysis for weed management and models for ways that invasive species are moving in the county. He will be attending a workshop and exploring how this might be useful for Rice SWCD. Wally Hildebrandt will be attending the summer meeting for RC&D at a facility that uses turkey manure to produce energy in Benson.

D.C. REPORT by Tom Coffman:

1. EQIP: We received additional EQIP funds recently and approved five more contracts for \$116,000. We heard yesterday we will get more contracts approved for another \$36,000.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT by Steve Pahs:

A budget proposal will be presented to the County Board on August 26, 2008. A meeting will be held with the MPCA tomorrow regarding a stipulation agreement on a construction project in Faribault. We will be an interactive demonstration at the Healthy Kids Day on September 27, 2008 in Faribault.

NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST'S REPORT by Adam Arndt

- Completed CRWP water sampling on Tuesdays.
- Created nutrient management poster for display at the fair.
- Attended board meeting and potluck at Dick Huston's home.
- Attended the fair, handed out booklets to kids and answered questions as needed.
- Reported all nutrient plans completed thus far into ELink.
- Delivered and set up drill as requests were made.
- Completed EQIP certifications for nutrient management: Jeff Johnson, Jerry Kelm, Tom Sammon, James Balfe, Mark Trcka, Chris Schultz, David Kamis, and Al Meyer.
- Completed MinnFarm evaluation for John Hill's feedlot.
- Surveying Scott Marik's feedlot and going over plans with Chris Nelson, Area Office engineer.
- Surveying with Steve Pahs on Gegener's basin.

Nutrient Plans in progress or Completed last Month:

- Mike Sogla (Rice)
- Updated Paul Nibbe's (Goodhue) CNMP
- John Hill (Rice)
- Brian Bauer (Rice)
- Kevin O'Connor (Rice)
- Terry Schwichenberg (Rice)
- Jack Volkert (Rice)
- Brian Skluzacek (Rice)

July Ditch Services

1. Looked at ditch 9 with John Jirik, he wants replace a culvert in the crossing behind his property.
2. Viewed ditches 9 and 31 with Steve Pahs about trees falling into and blocking water flow.

STORMWATER TECHNICIAN'S REPORT by Danielle Waldschmidt:

I have been completing inspections and meeting with permit contacts to address issues on inspection reports. I have been working with the MPCA on several construction sites that have severe violations from the NPDES requirements on enforcement actions. I have also been working on the raingarden at the Rice County Fair Grounds. With the raingarden installation completed, I have been working on maintaining the raingarden. I was at the fair promoting raingardens and other alternative stormwater

management systems to the visitors at the Conservation Building. I also held workshops on alternative stormwater management systems, mainly raingardens at the fair.

Accomplishments Include:

- Updated and organized case files for the stormwater program
- Conducted construction site inspections
- Worked with Contractors/Owners/Site Contacts to get their construction site activities in compliance with the NPDES/SDS
- Reviewed SWPPP's for compliance with the NPDES/SDS
- Worked on enforcement cases with the MPCA
- Attended MPCA enforcement forum in St. Paul
- Held workshops on alternative stormwater management systems at the fair

ADJOURN: Motion by Robert Borchert, second by Gary Wagenbach to adjourn. All aye – None opposed – Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Danielle Waldschmidt
Acting Secretary

Wallace Hildebrandt
Board Secretary